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Applicant: Samuel R. Denmeade, *et al.*
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action ("Office Action") having a mailing date of January 11, 2010 with a shortened statutory period for reply of three months set to expire on April 11, 2010 Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the remarks and amendments set forth in this response as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 13 of this paper.